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HEAT WAVE, LOW FLYING

CANDIDATES: I heard on the news today where some Democratic leaders want us to see 1988 as a flashback to the 1960 election. I guess they're hoping history will repeat itself. You know about the 1960 campaign, don't you? That's when (as Michael Dukakis noted), "a son of Massachusetts reached his hands out to a son of the great state of Texas" and together they defeated a man who'd served as Vice President under a two-term Republican administrator. This little foray into allusion casts Dukakis as John Kennedy, Lloyd Bentsen as Lyndon B. Johnson, and George Bush as Richard Nixon. It also gives us Jesse Jackson as a stand-in for Martin Luther King, Jr., by the way, and that's about as far as i can take it before i choke on the metaphor.

Of course, if i were a Republican, i'd quickly diffuse all this effulgent Democratic nostalgia with a flashback of my own to the 1924 campaign. Remember that one? Calvin Coolidge got the job, despite the growing scandals about the graft-ridden administration of his Republican predecessor (under whom he had served as Vice President). Maybe it helped that his former boss, Warren G. Harding, was dead. That made it easier to sweep revelations about the Harding Administration's corruption under the rug. Coolidge somehow managed to steer clear of the Teapot Dome oil lease scandal, the Veteran's Administration procurement scandal, and the indictment (and subsequent conviction) of the Secretary of the Interior on charges of accepting a bribe. Like George Bush, Calvin Coolidge had been "left out of the loop." Yep, i'll bet Bush

takes a lot of comfort and encouragement from looking back at that victorious 1924 Republican campaign.

Unfortunately, i'm not a Republican. As if that weren't bad enough, the weather here is so hot and dry that the plants have passed the wilting stage and are just shriveling up and dying. Kinda reminds me of the 1932 and 1936 elections. You know those: There'd been this stock market crash, you see, followed by a drought. Banks were failing, crops were desiccating in the field, farmers were losing their land, and the city streets were crowded with homeless people. Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected on a Democratic ticket which promised a "New Deal" for the country. Under his administration, progressive programs such as Social Security, the minimum wage law, and federally sponsored electrification of rural areas were put into place.

It'd make a great analogy to this year's situation. It really would. Only one trouble with the idea. Despite the fact that the stock market co-operated by crashing and the weather has been doing its part by failing to rain for months on end, we don't actually have a Democratic candidate who has vowed to work for far-reaching social improvement.

Maybe if those rain clouds hold off another four years times will get tough enough to force our next candidate to take a stand for medical care instead of tanks and bread instead of bombs. I know plenty of folks who could sure use the help.

catherine yronwode
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THE EMERALD CROWN LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY FREIGHTER BUT SHE CARRIES A VERY SPECIAL, HIGHLY ILLEGAL CARGO INTO CHINA.

AND AMONG THEM IS THEIR ADVENTUROUS, WOULD-BE SAVIOR...

WOMEN, KIDNAPPED IN NEW YORK, EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN FATE.

VALKYRIE!

WELL, Y'ALL BEEN GOOD LITTLE GIRLS...

...SO I DECIDED TO LET Y'ALL UP ON DECK TO WATCH US COME INTA PORT.

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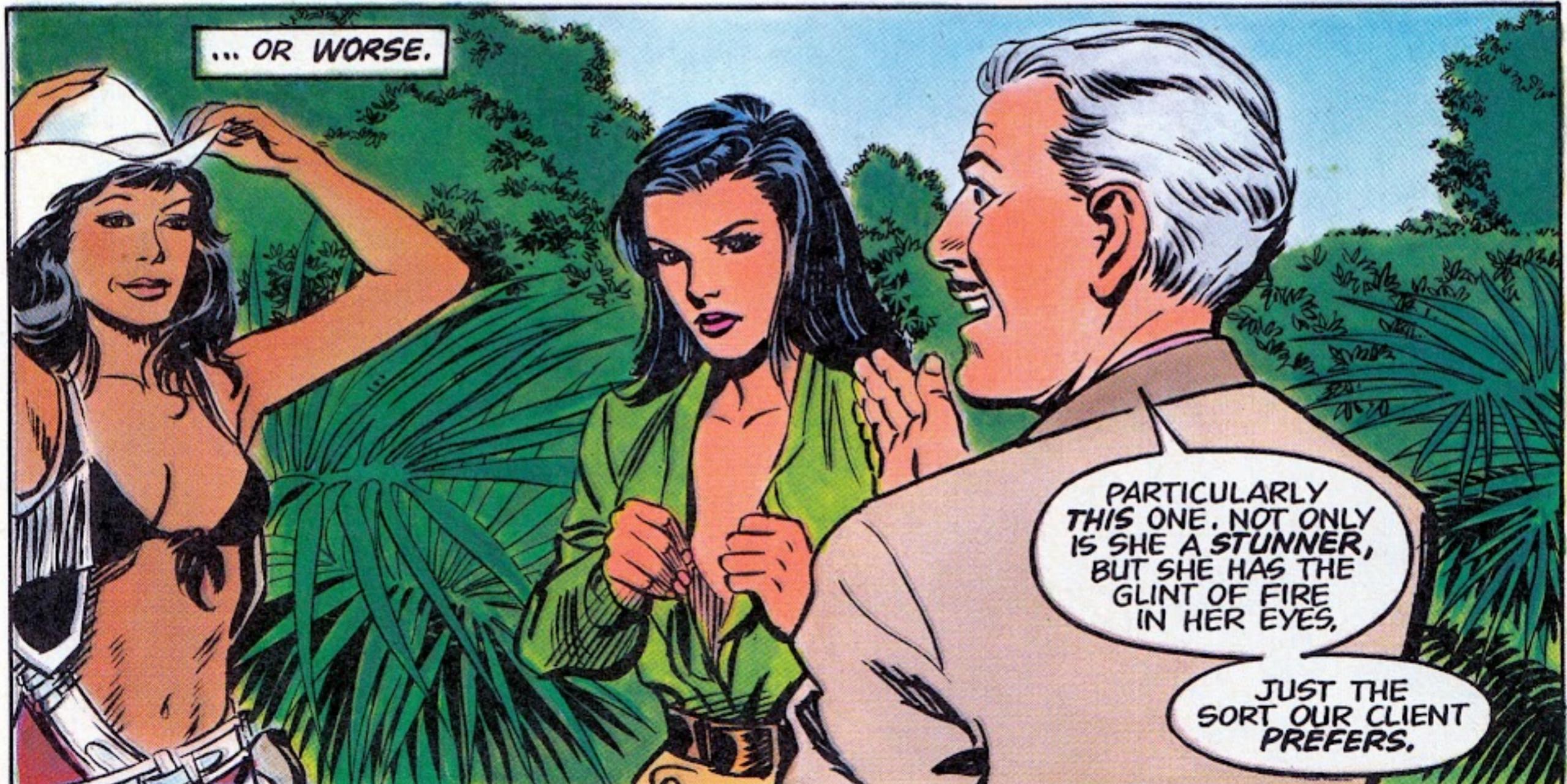
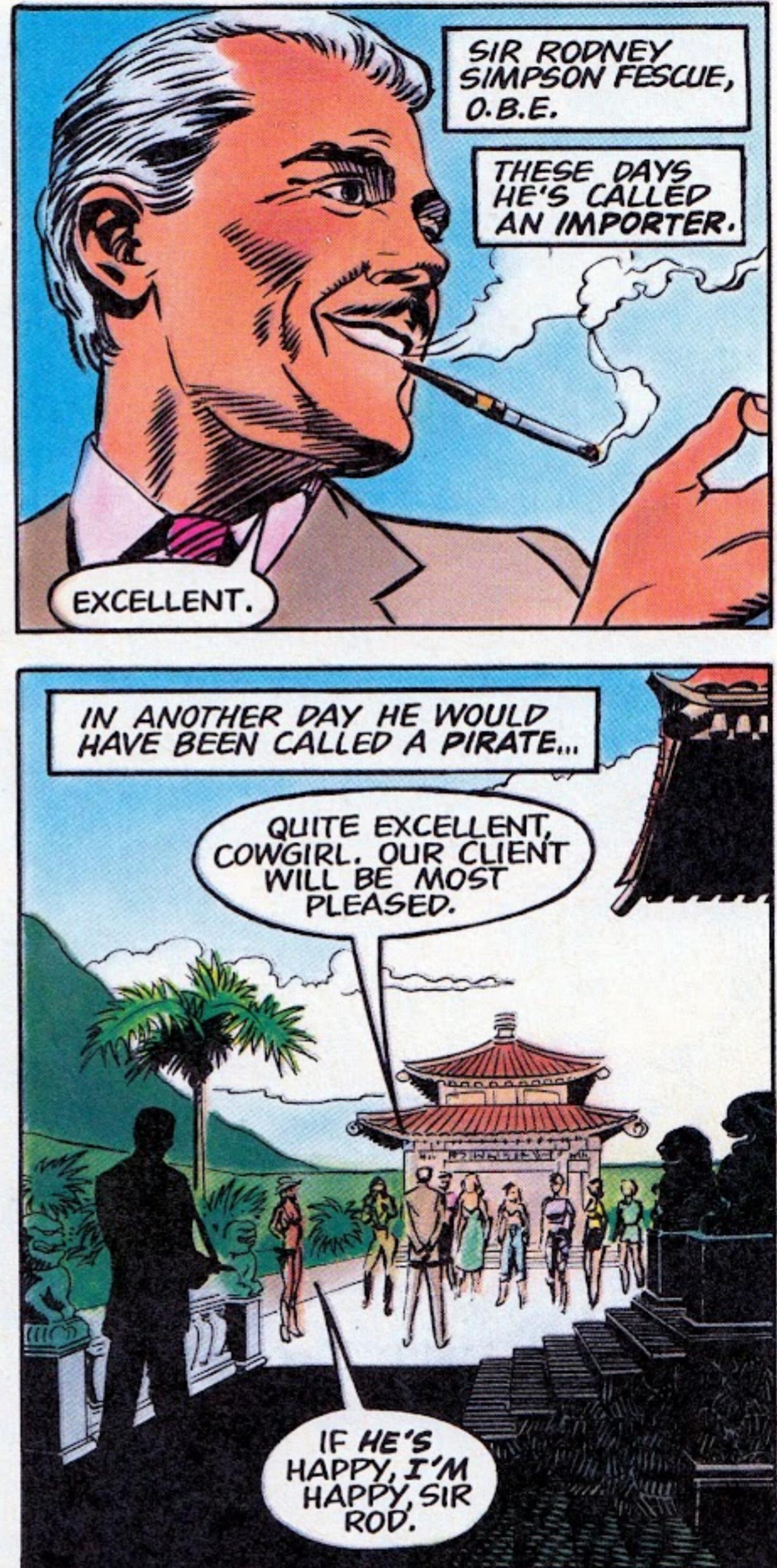
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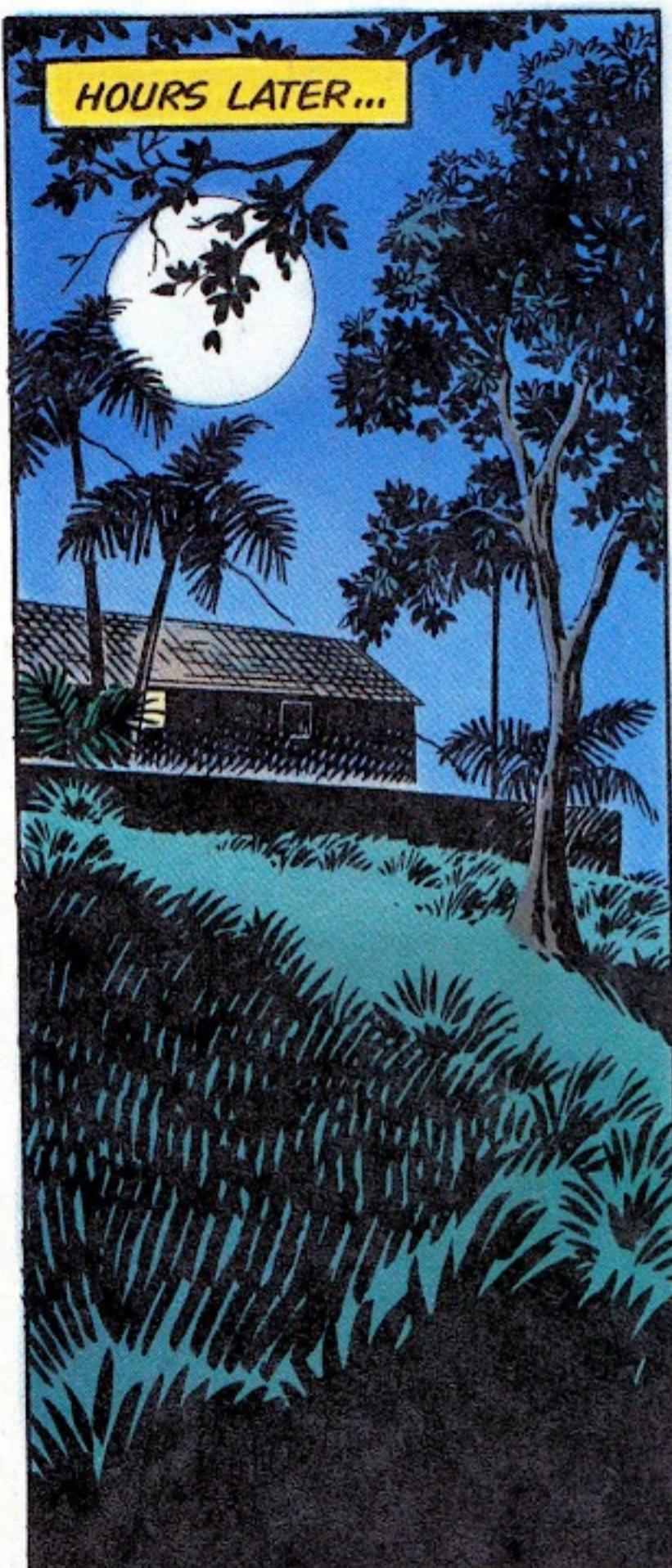
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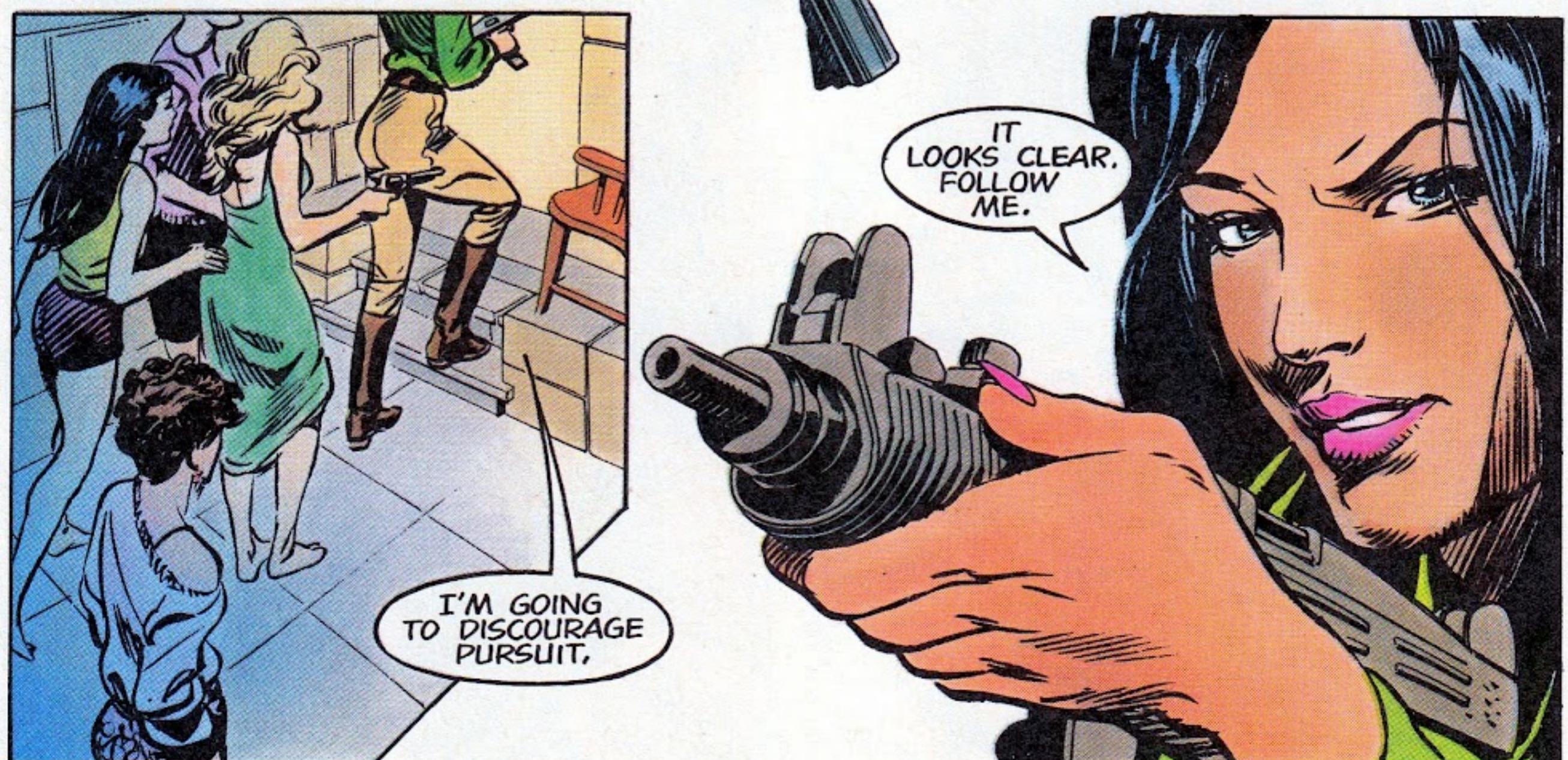
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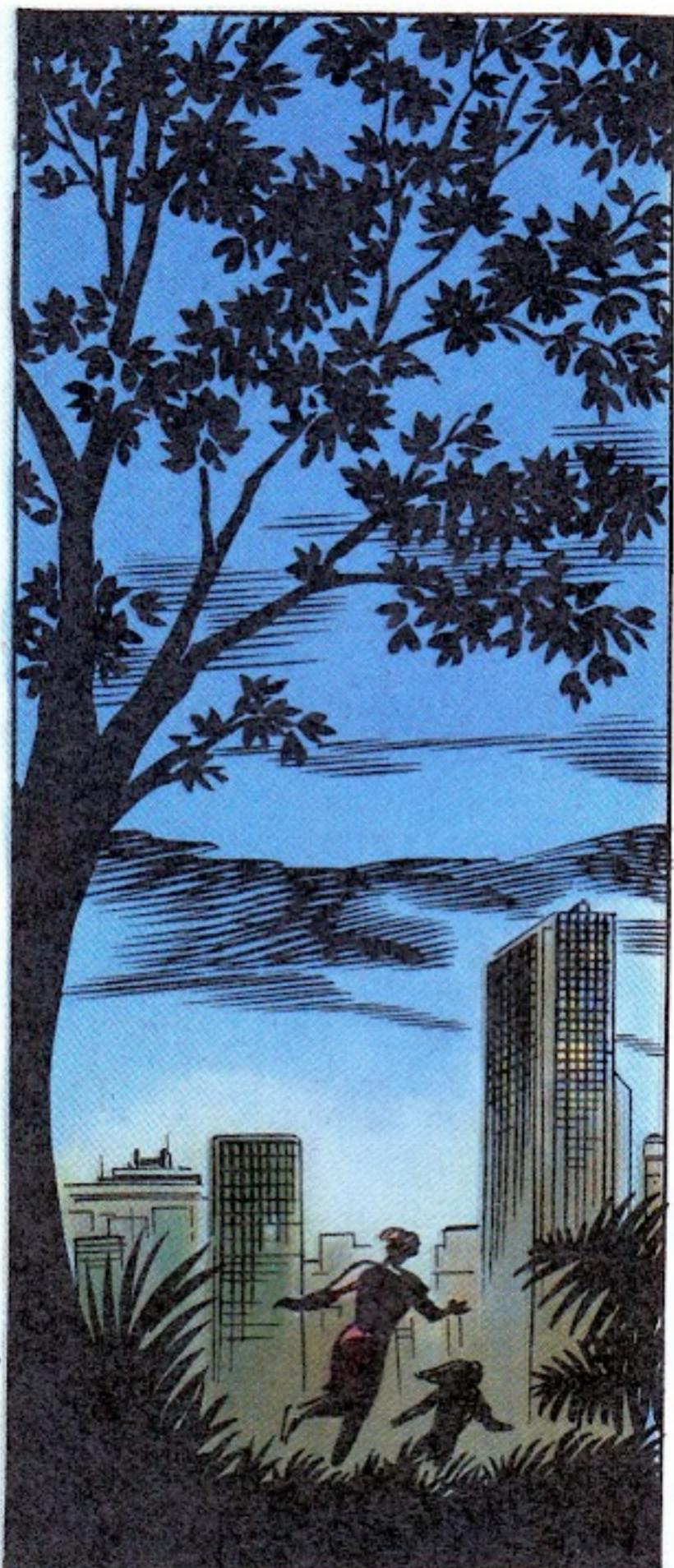




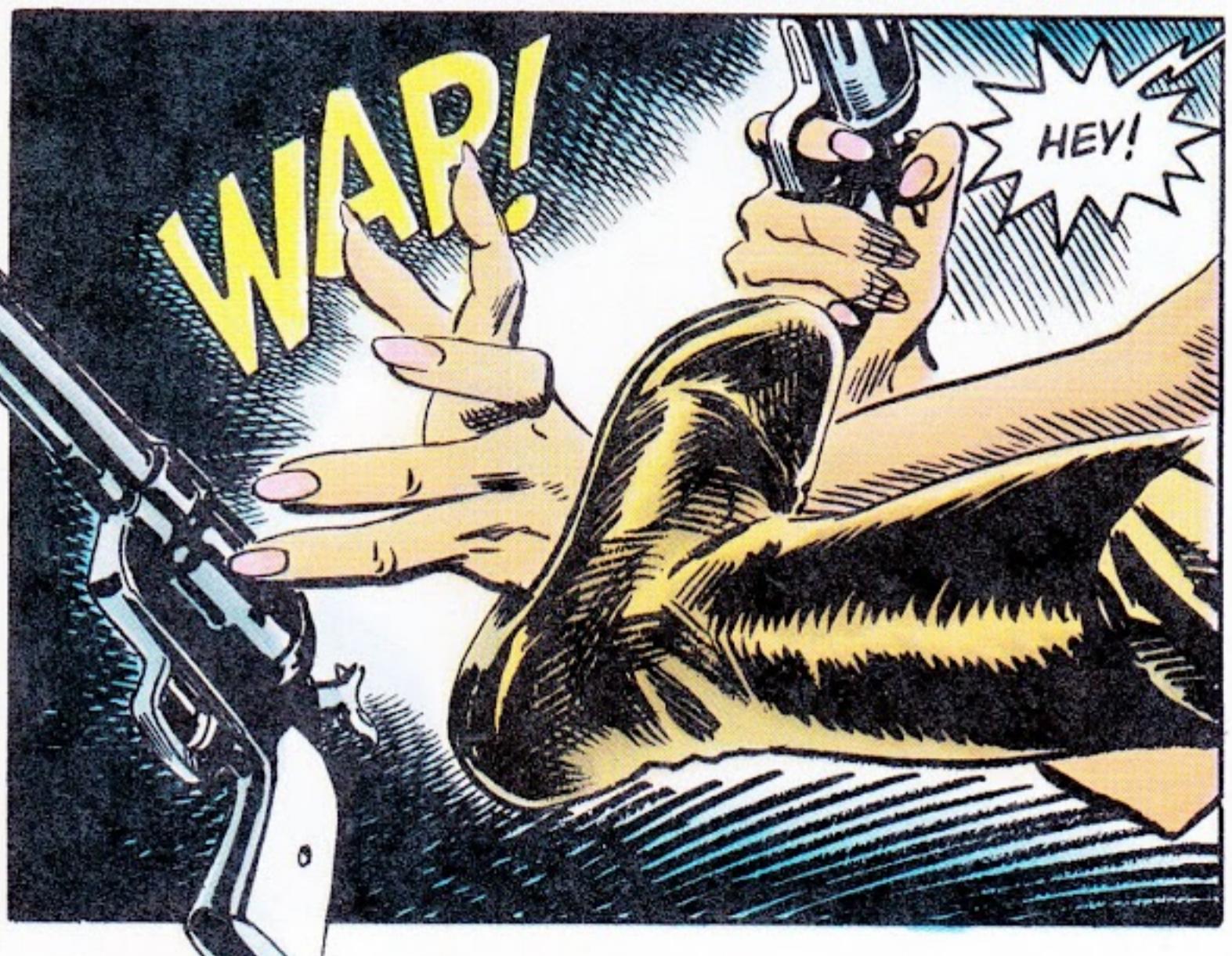
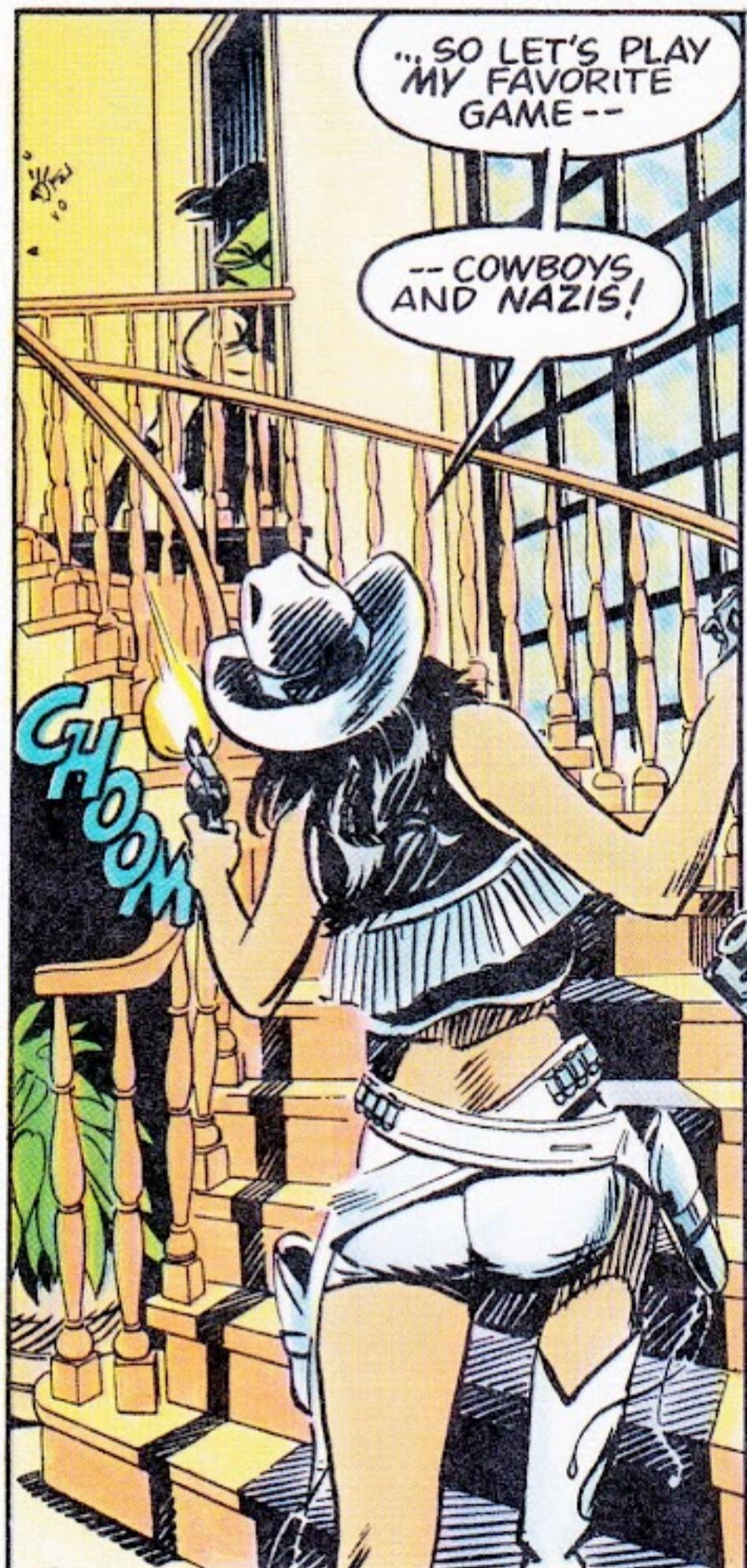


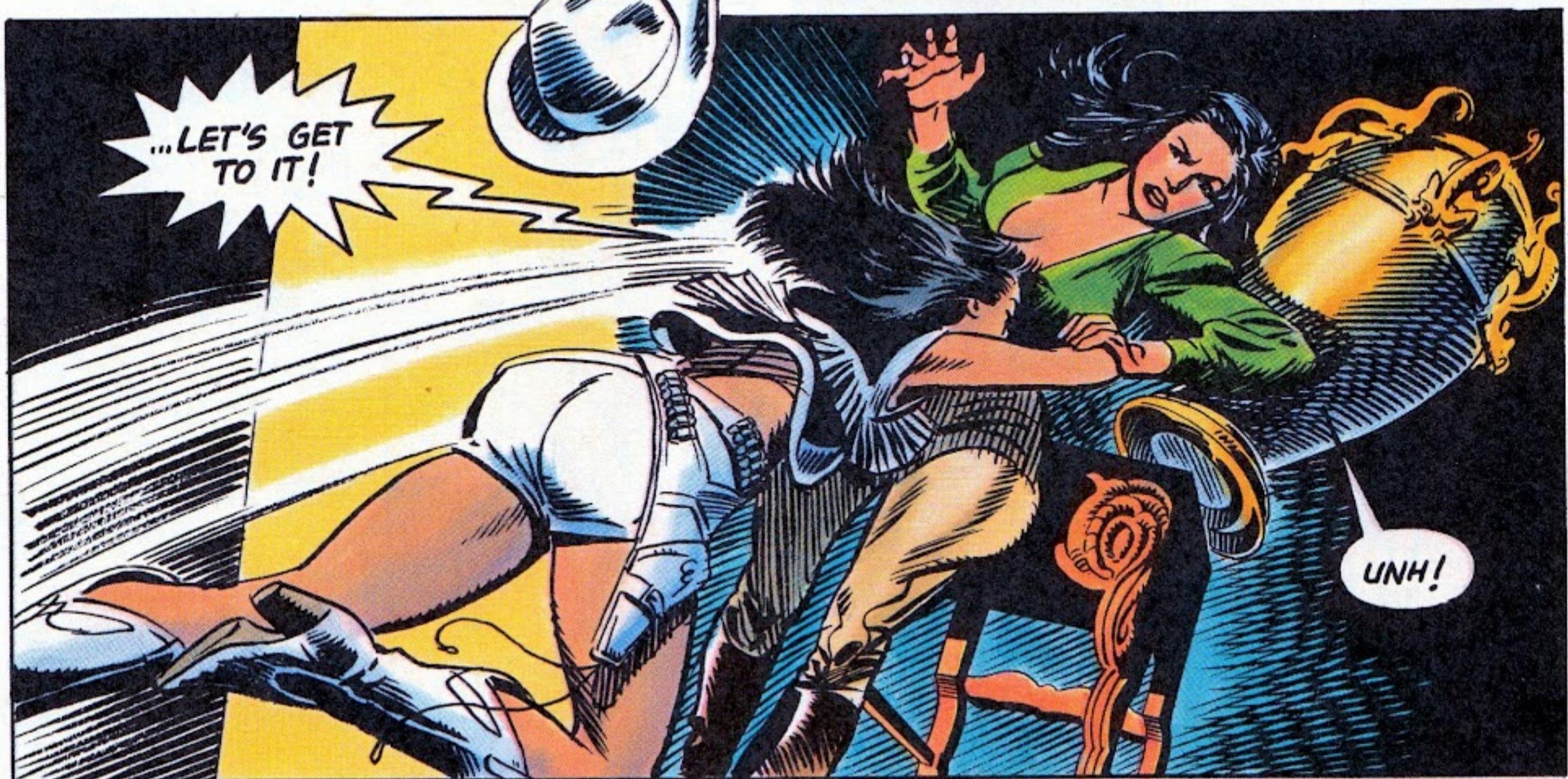




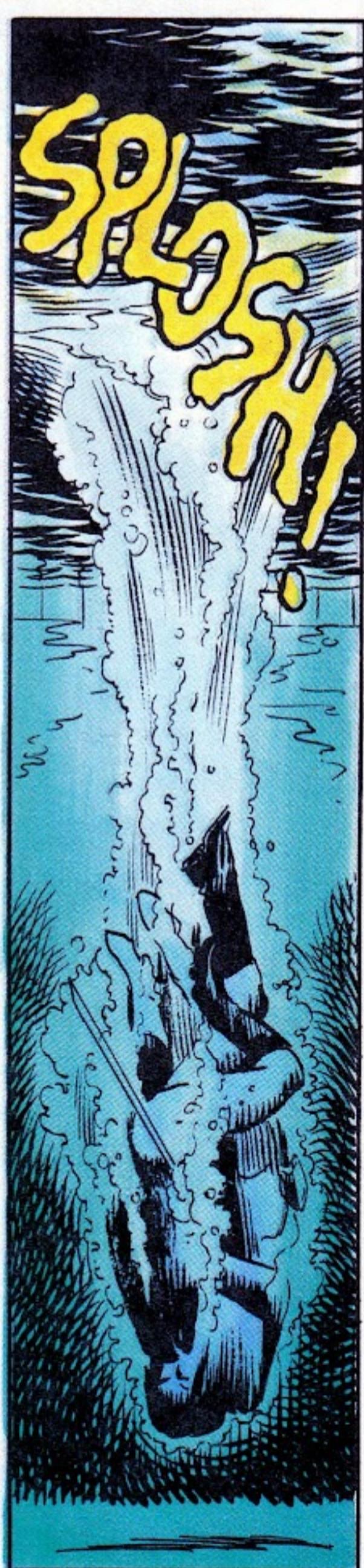
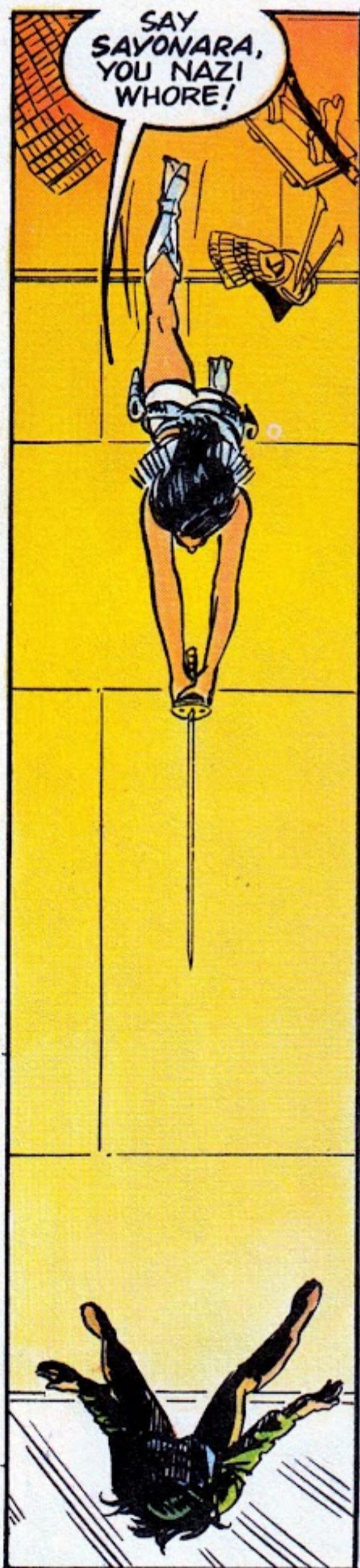
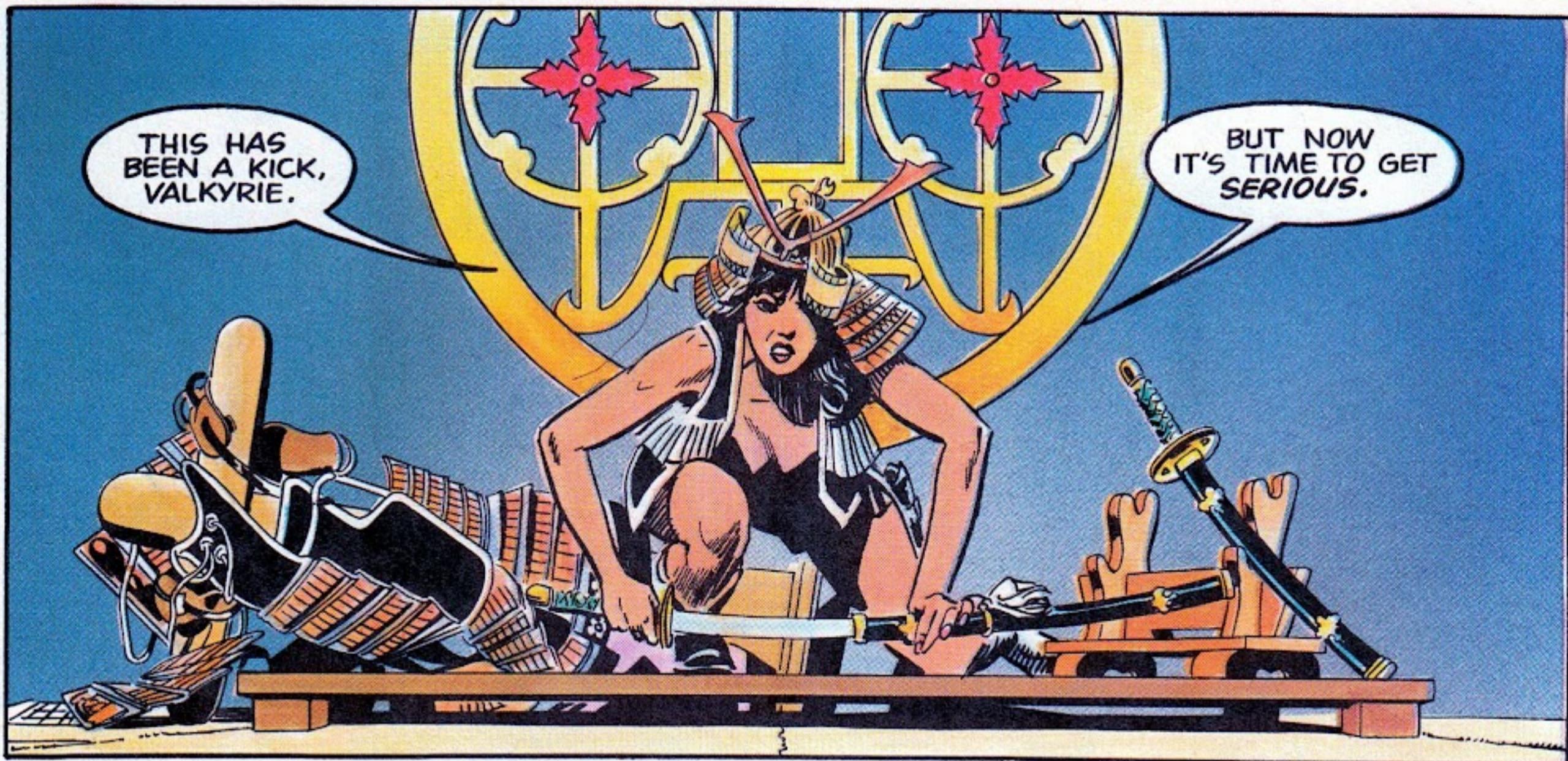


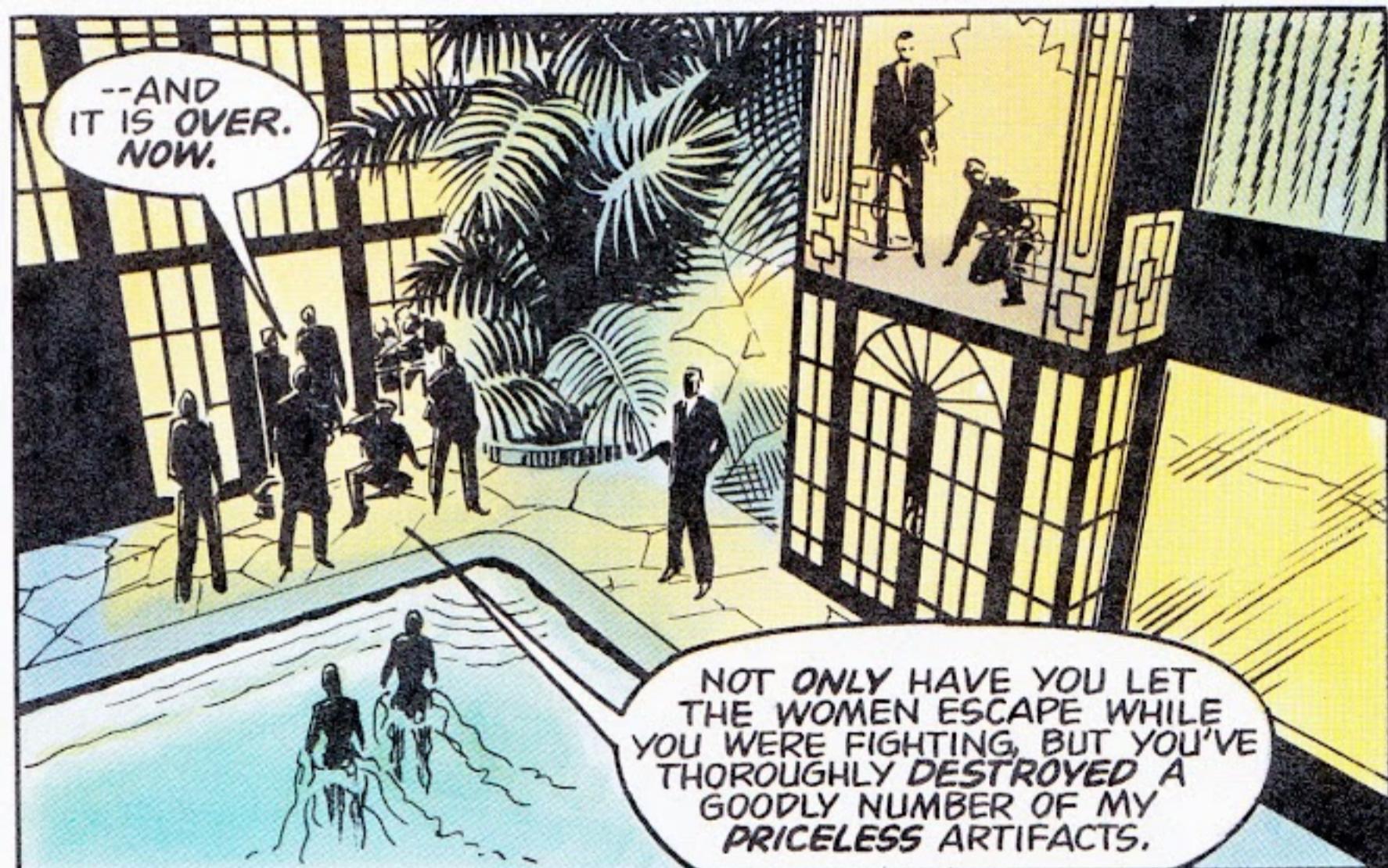
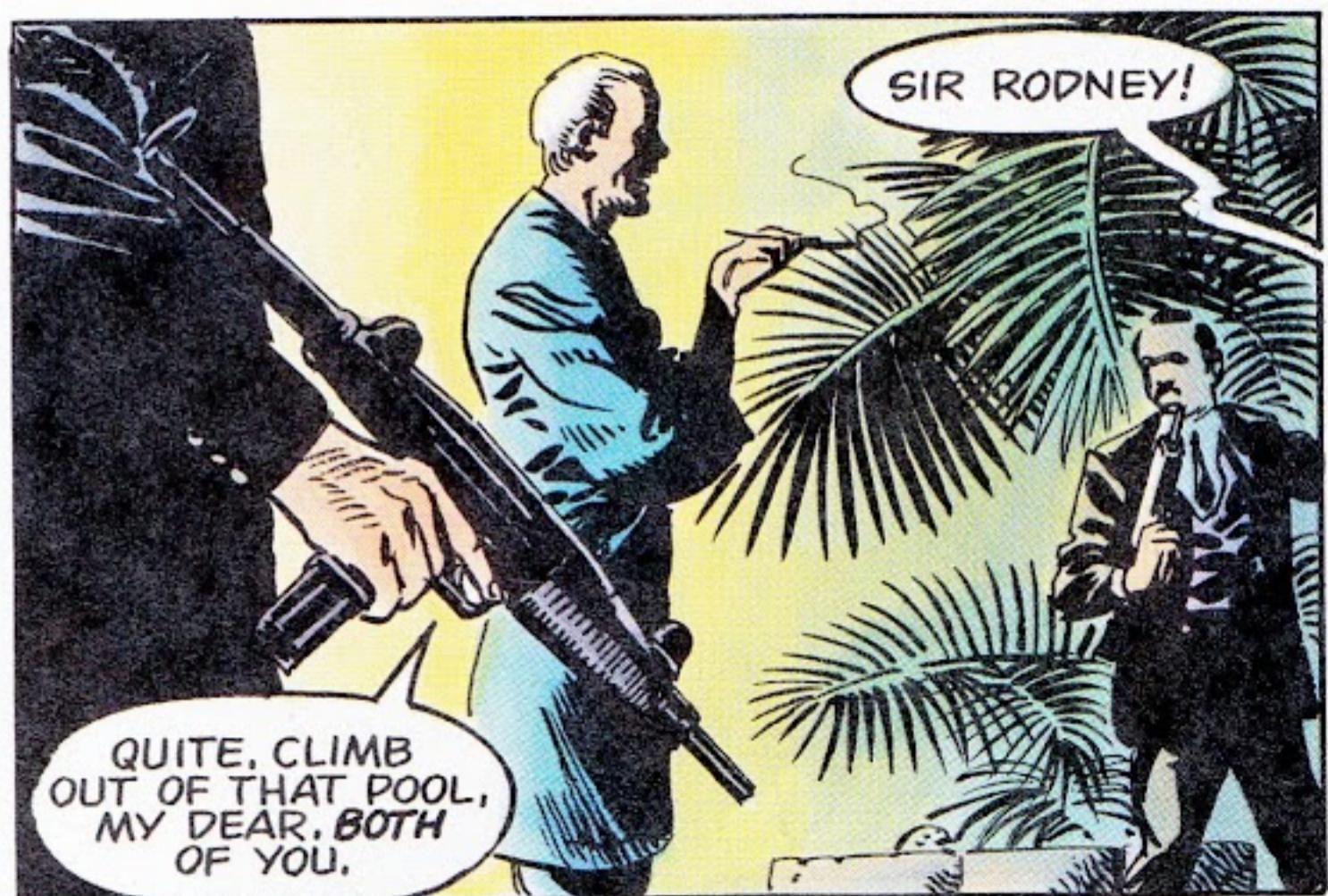


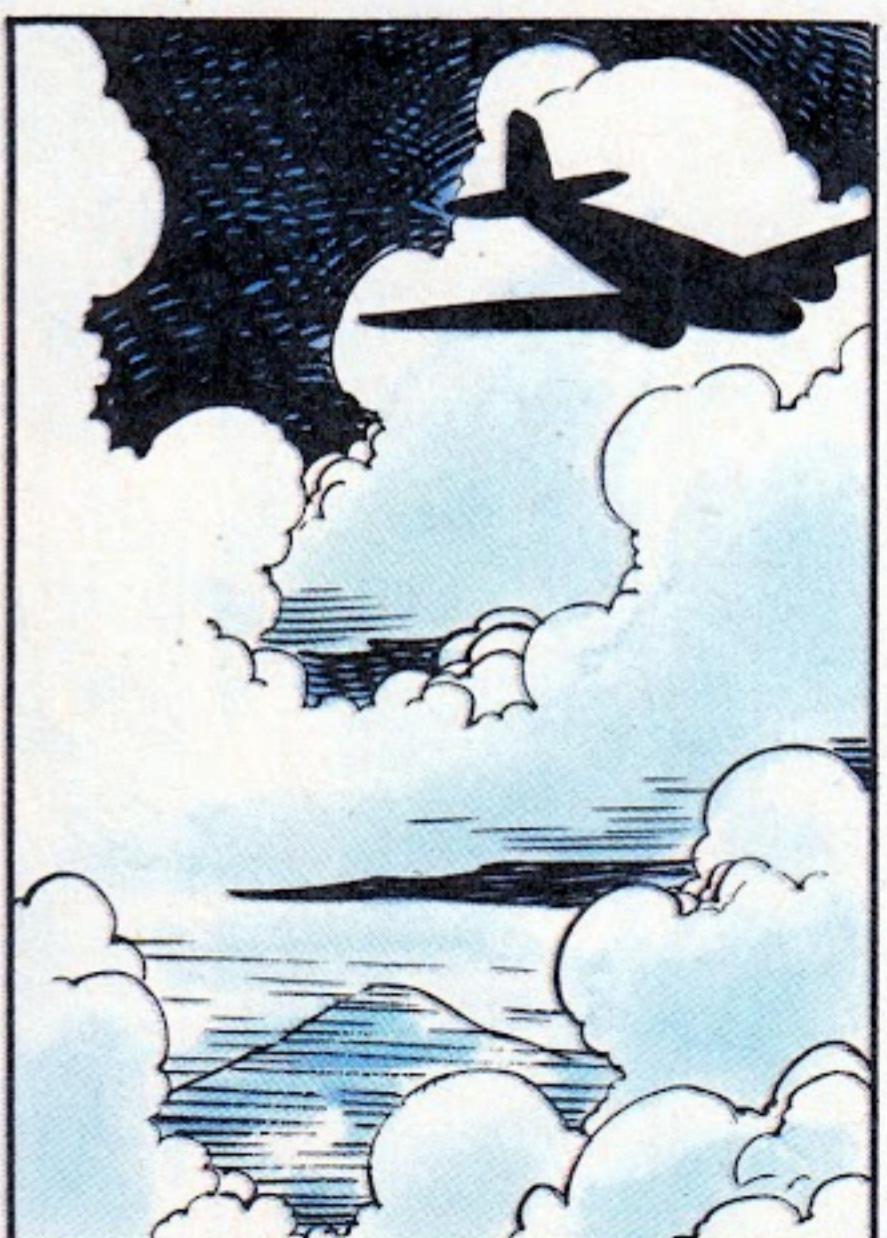
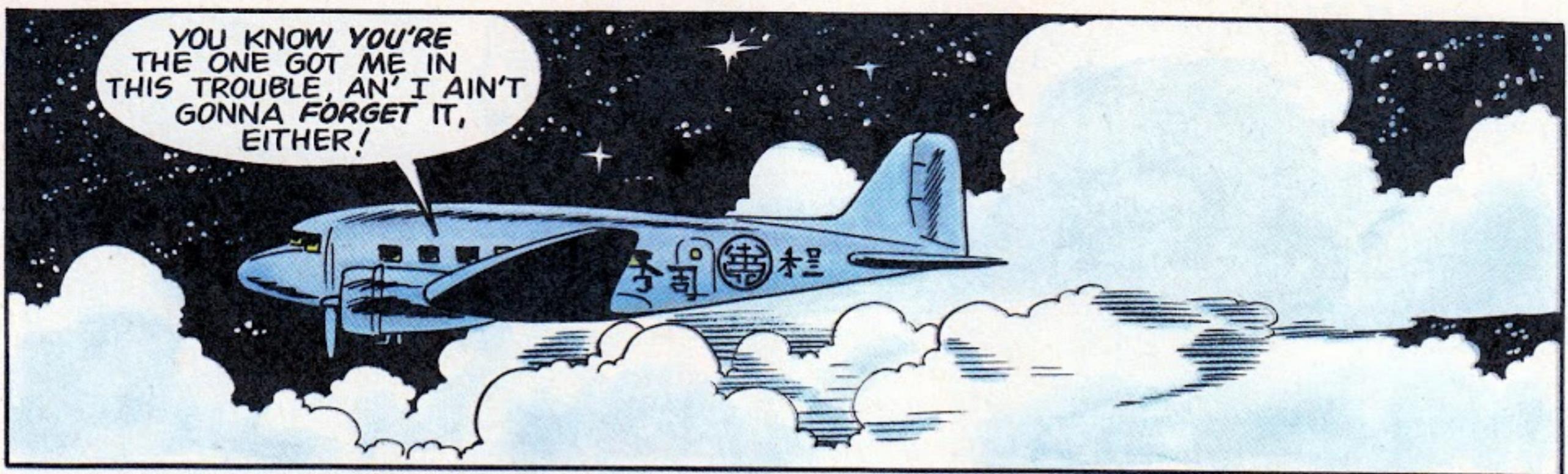




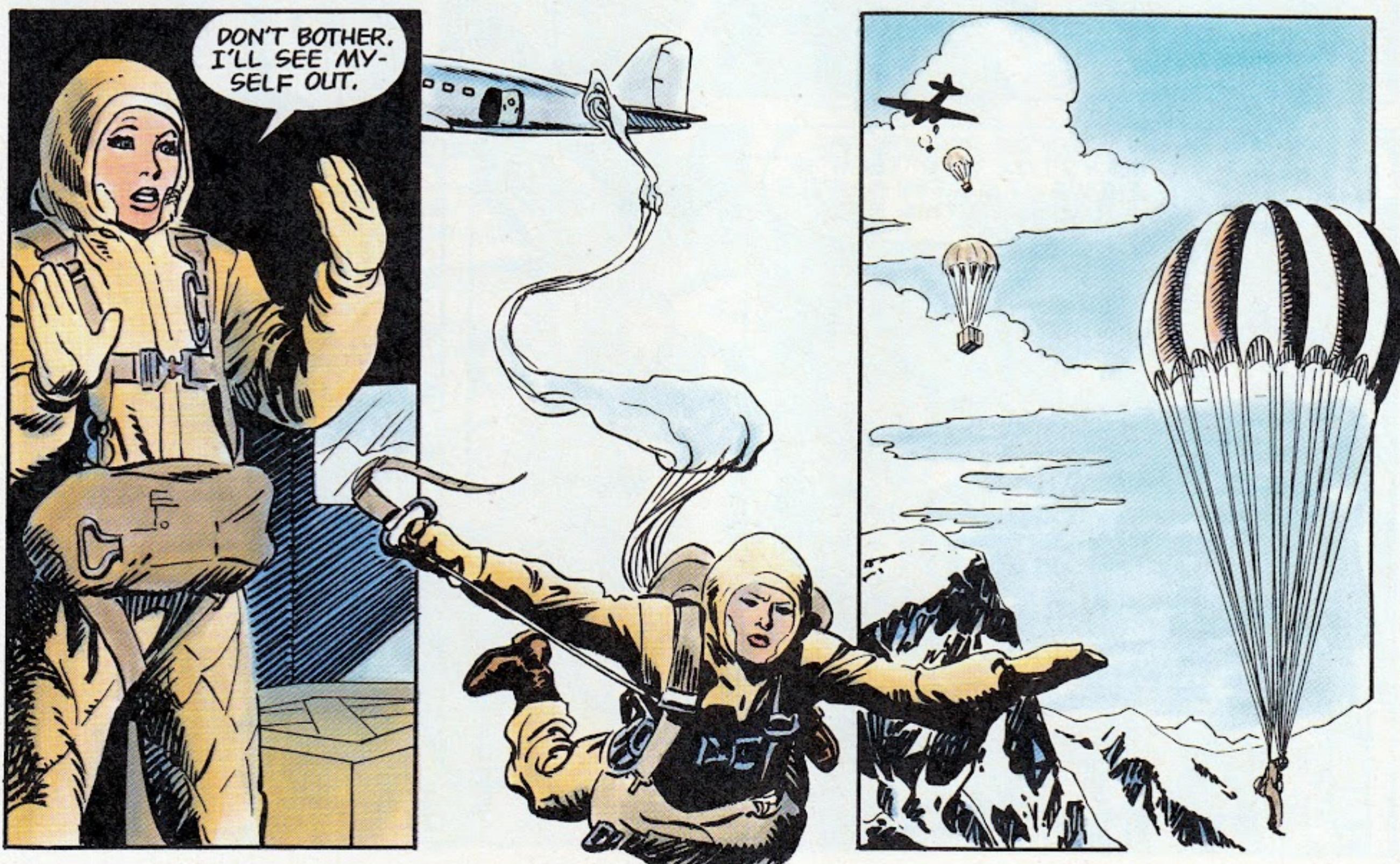
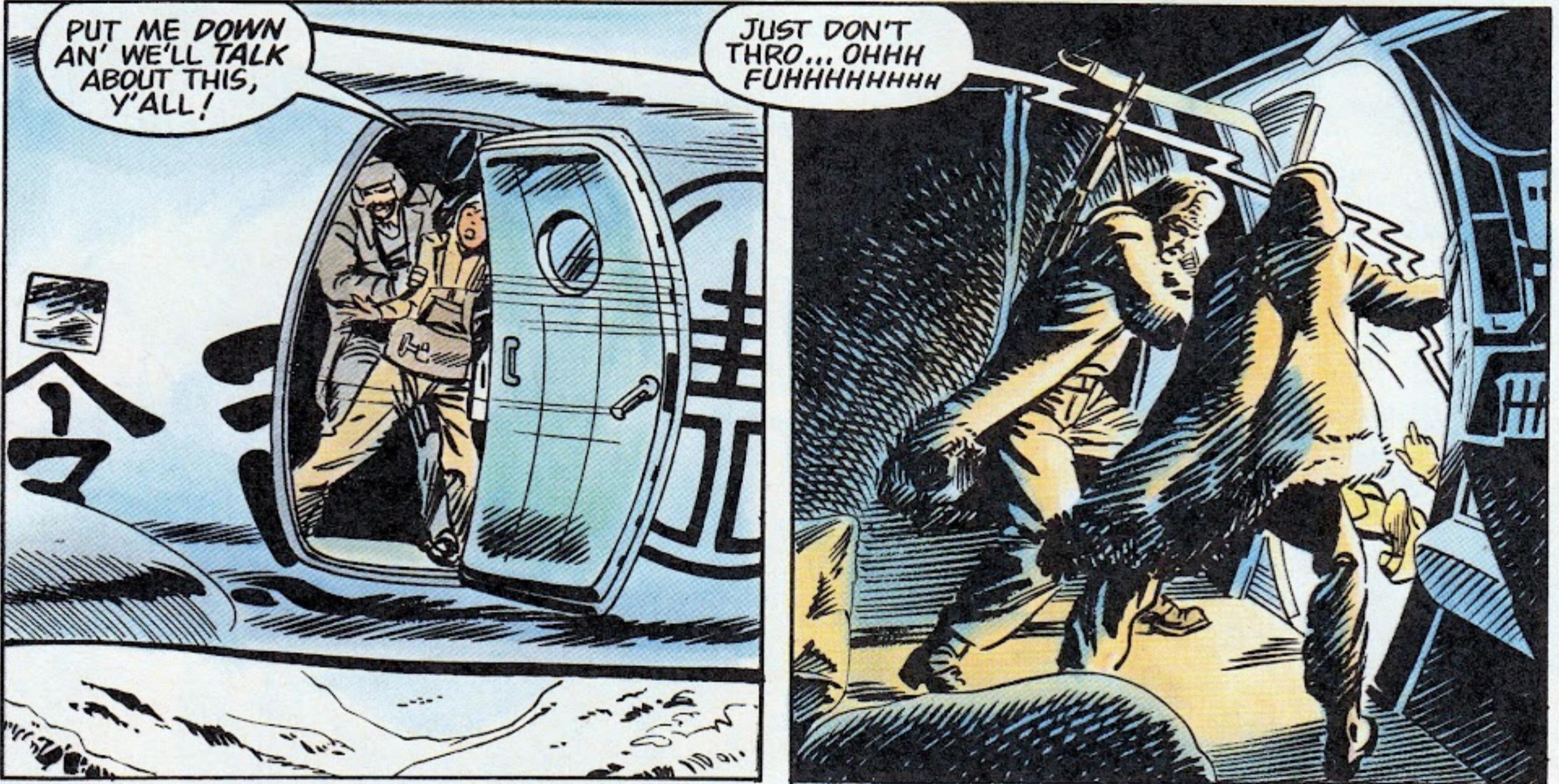
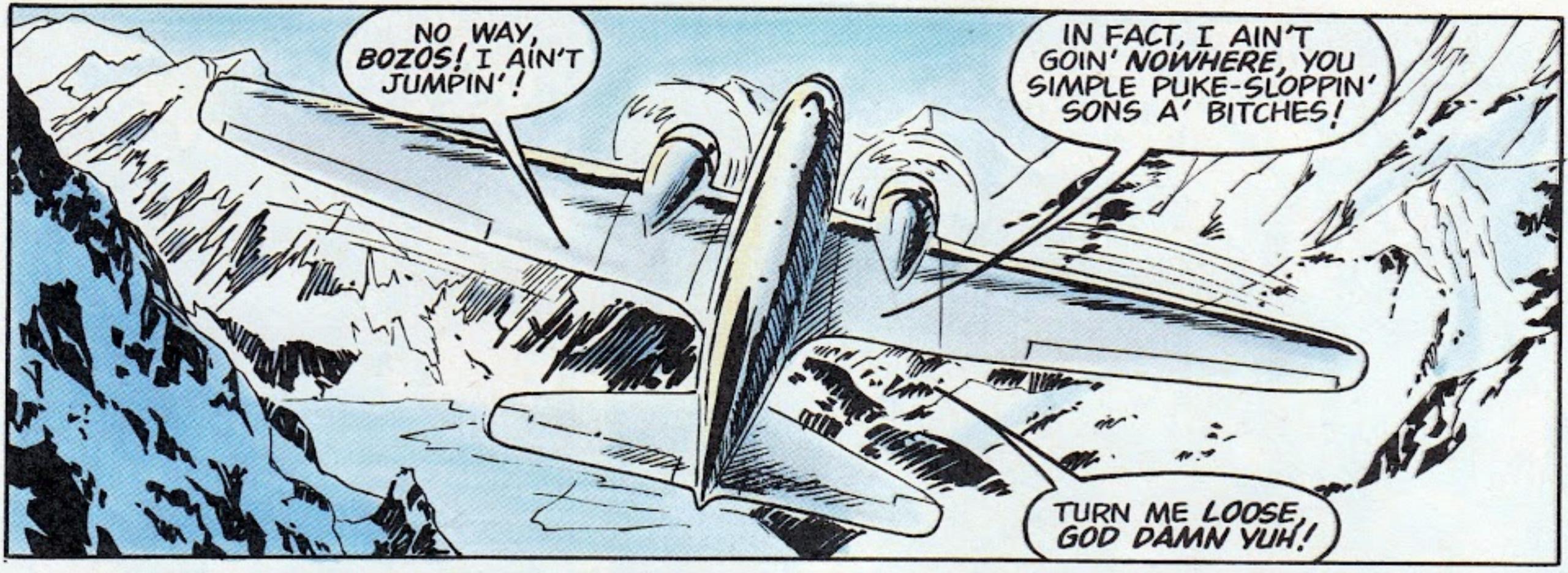
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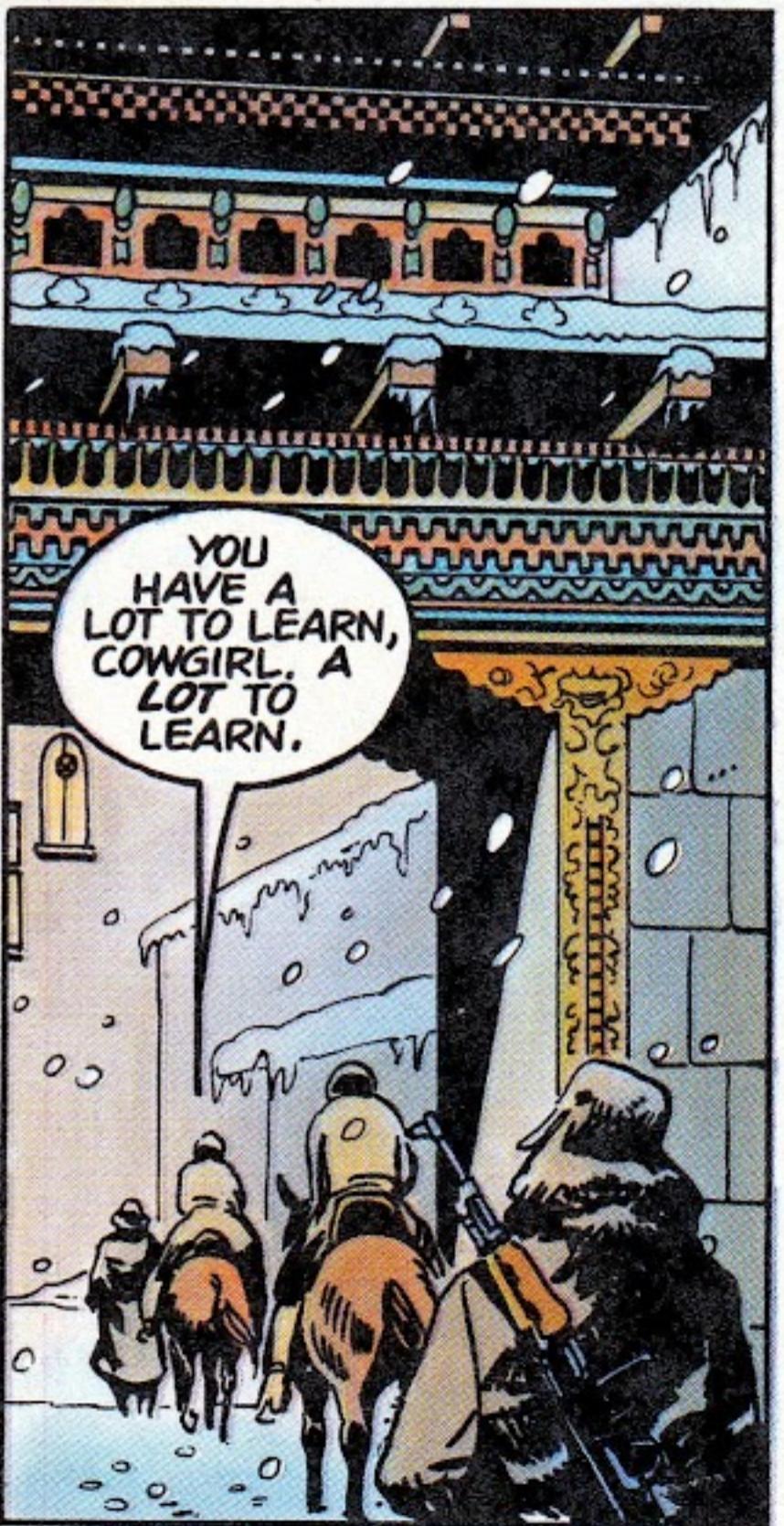
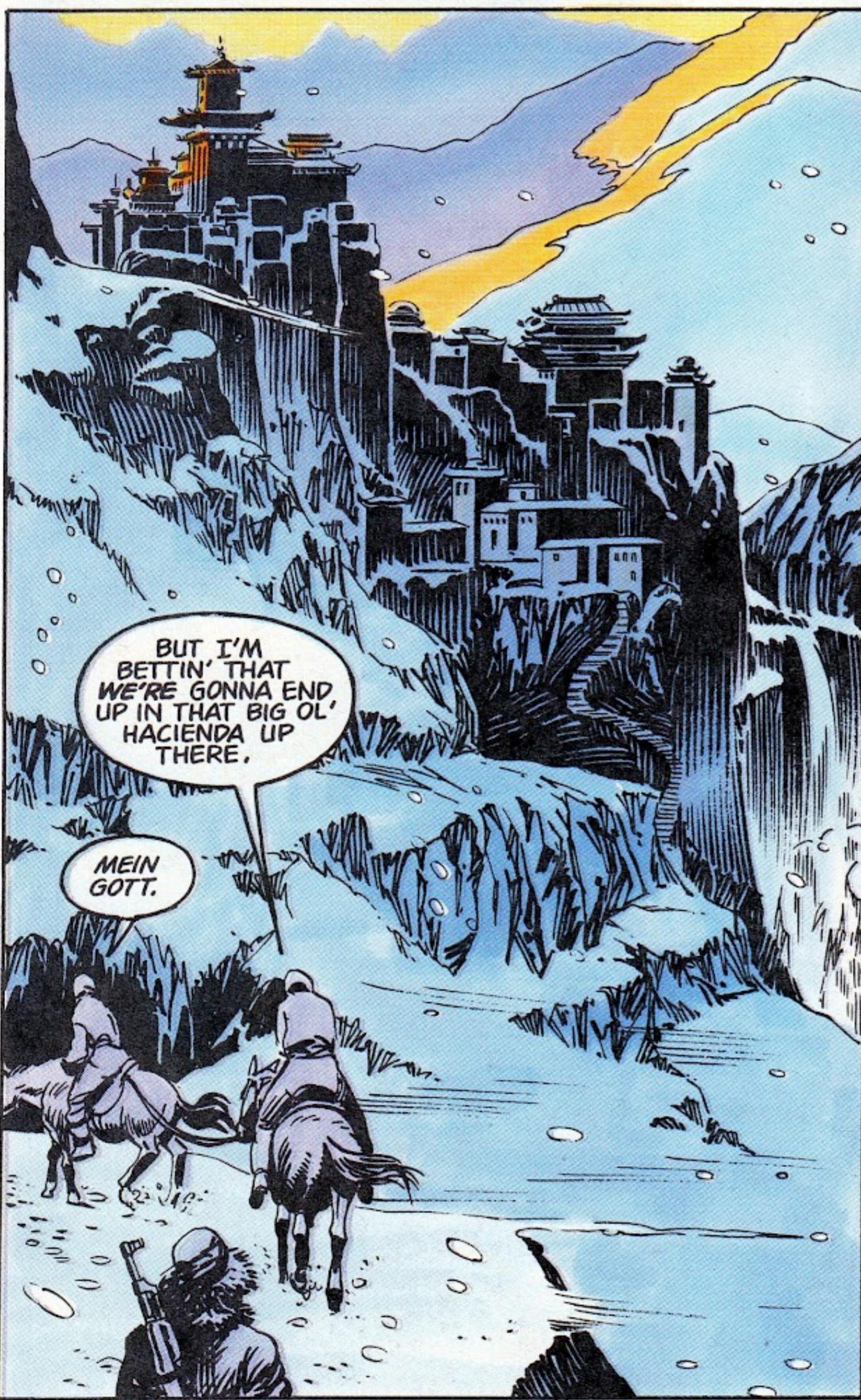




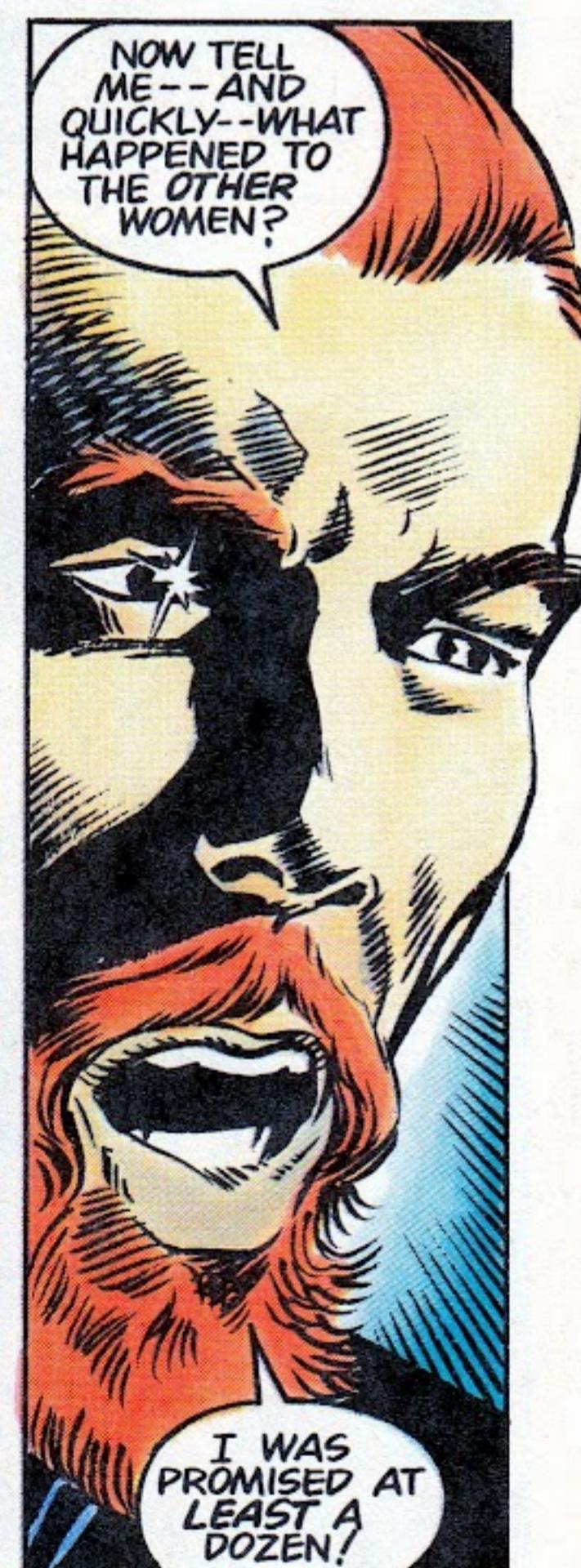








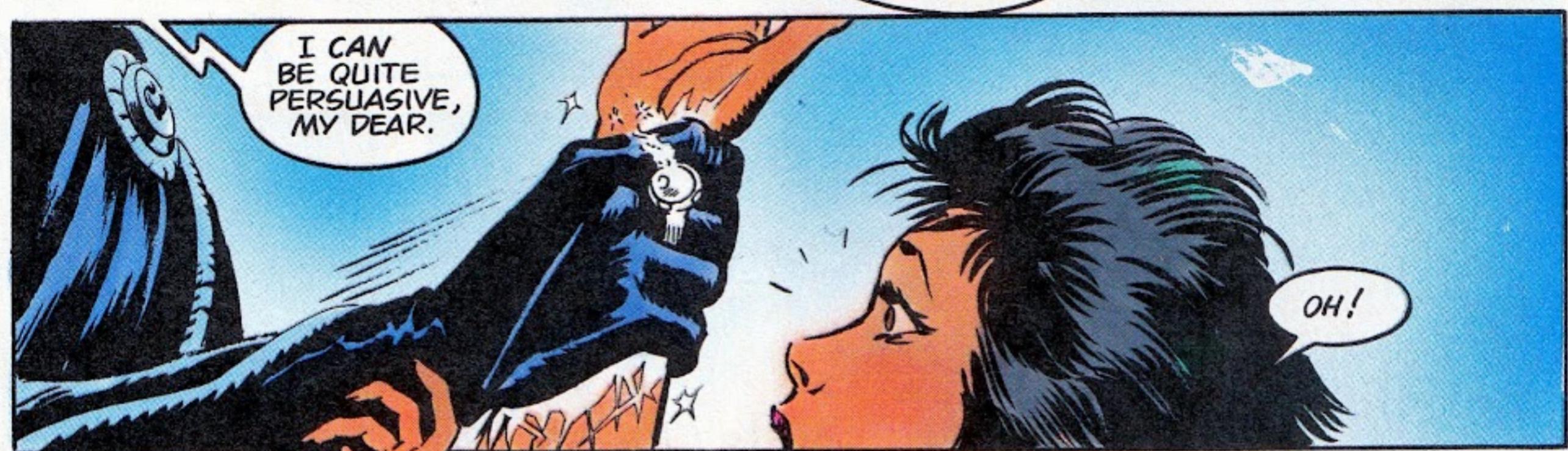


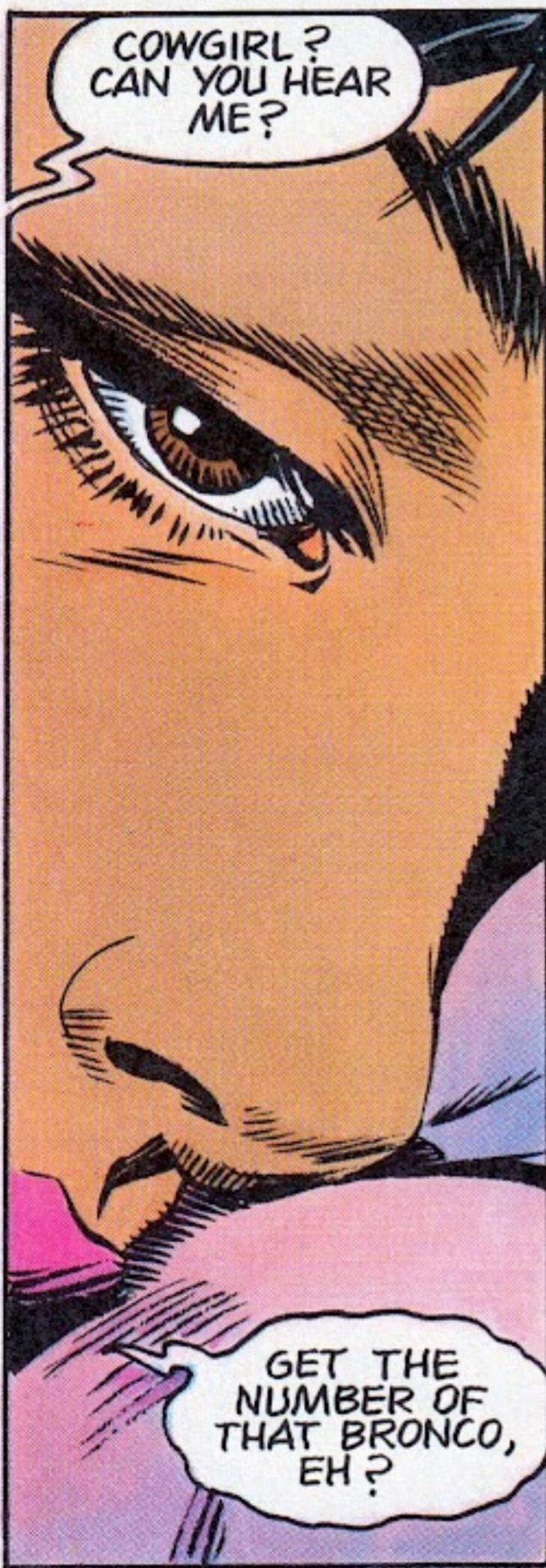


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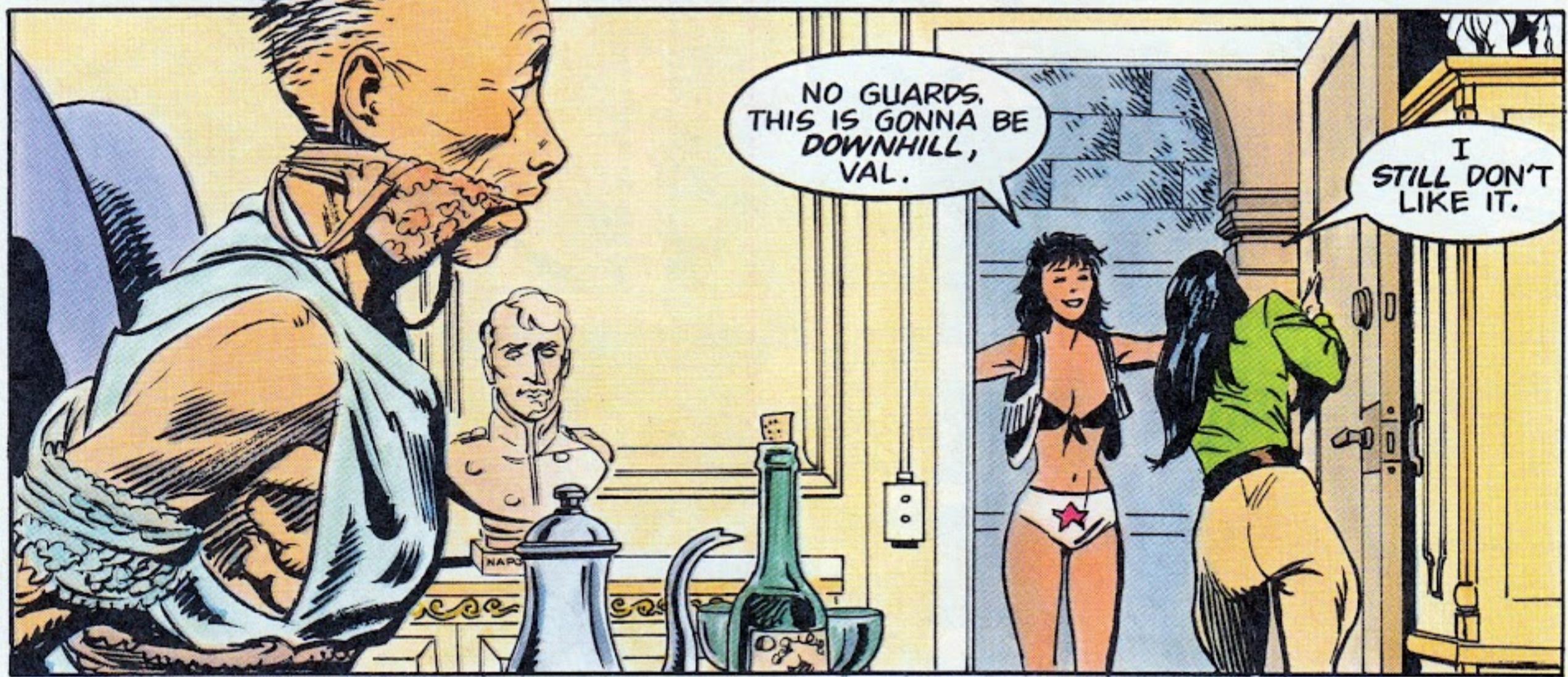
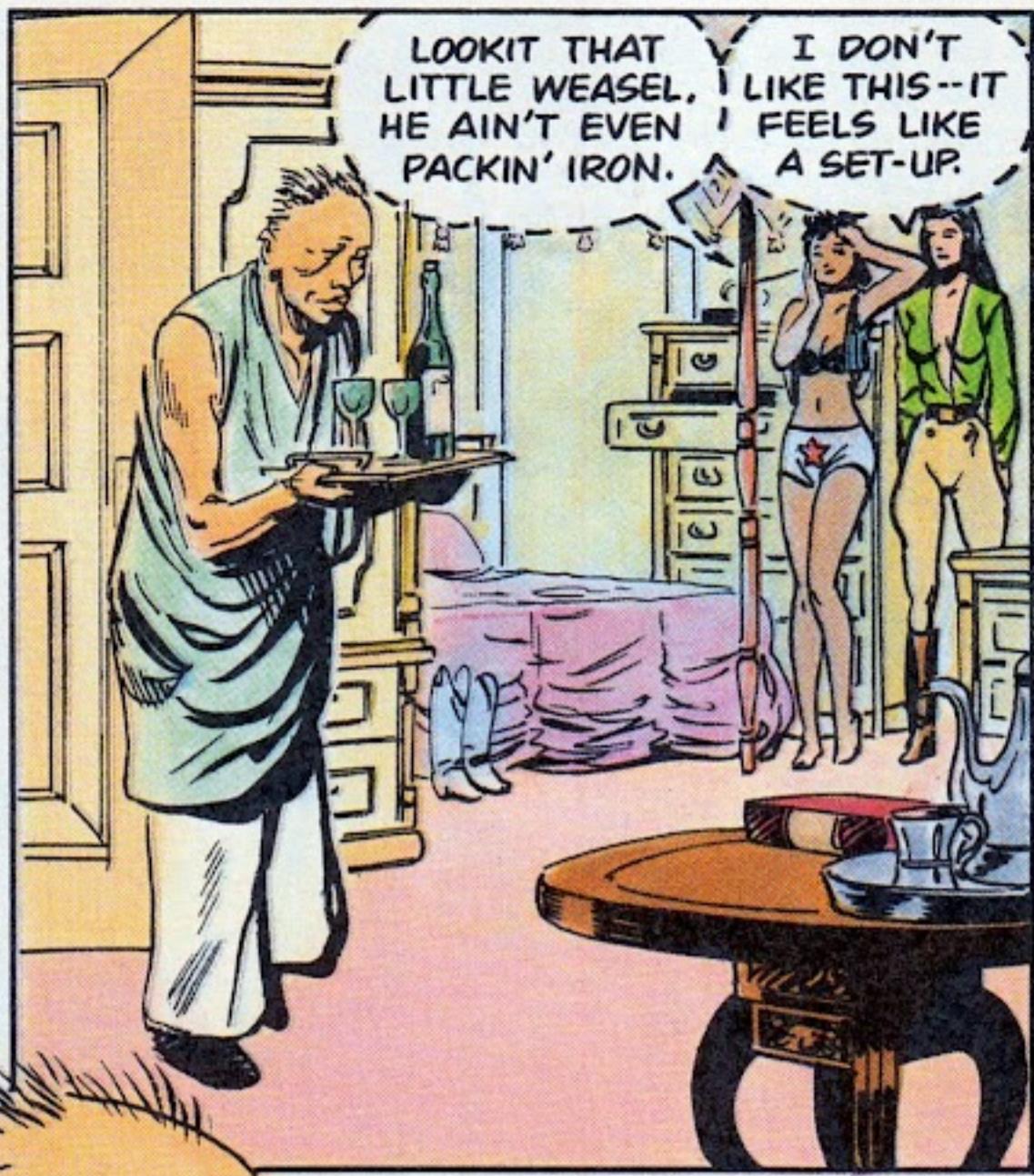
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THE ONLY "CONVENIENCE" I WISH IS A WAY OUT OF HERE.













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